

AGENDA

Time	Discussion Topics	Decision Points / Discussion	Topic Leader
10:00	Welcome & Introductions		Carrie Lindig, NRCS
10:10	November Meeting Minutes review and acceptance	Correct minutes as needed	Christine Hall, NRCS
10:15	2017 Farm Bill Programs Update	Update on current status of FY17 NRCS programs	Gail Bartok, NRCS
10:30	Farm Service Agency Program Update <i>CRP, CREP, SAFE Activity</i>	Update on current status of FY17 FSA programs	Nancy Coles, FSA
10:40	Regional Conservation Partnership Program Sign Up	Discuss funding opportunity for this year	Gail Bartok, NRCS
10:55	Soil Health Focus Group & Testing Results from Soil Health Initiative	Presentation on soil testing efforts and discussion on Soil Health Focus Group next steps	Rich Shaw & Kaitlin Farbotnik NRCS
11:20	Targeting and Prioritizing Conservation – the National Water Quality Initiative	Discuss recent work in Salem County to target and prioritize ag conservation	Christine Hall, NRCS
11:30	Working Lands For Wildlife New Focus on Quail and American Black Duck	Discuss new species added to initiative and partner involvement	Christine Hall, NRCS
11:40	Grasslands of Special Significance	Discuss easement criteria	Lauren Lapczynski, NRCS
11:50	Local Work Group	Discuss opportunities to convene these groups in NJ	Chad Cherefko, NRCS

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12:05	NJ Tree and Shrub Planting Guide	Present new planting guide and solicit feedback	Kaitlin Farbotnik <i>NRCS</i>
12:10	Urban / Organic Subcommittee	Share and discuss progress and specifications for composting, water harvesting, etc.	Chad Cherefk, <i>NRCS</i>
12:20	Summer Meeting Options	Discuss what sites the committee would like to tour at the June meeting	Carrie Lindig, <i>NRCS</i>
12:30	Open Discussion	Discussion of upcoming events and other hot topics from attendees	Carrie Lindig, <i>NRCS</i>
1:00	Adjourn		Carrie Lindig, <i>NRCS</i>

Acronyms:

ACEP – Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
ALE - Agricultural Land Easements
AMA – Agricultural Management Assistance Program
CAP – Conservation Activity Plan
CIG – Conservation Innovation Grant
CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
CREP - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
CSP – Conservation Stewardship Program
EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentive Program
HFRP – Healthy Forest Reserve Program
RCPP – Regional Conservation Partnership Program
SAFE – State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement
WLFW – Working Lands for Wildlife
WRE – Wetlands Reserve Easements

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